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PREPARATIONS FOR THE GLOBAL CONFERENCE ON THE SUSTAINABLE DEVELOPMENT OF SMALL ISLAND DEVELOPING STATES

Draft decision submitted by the Bureau of the Preparatory Committee

Guidelines for the work of the Preparatory Committee

The Preparatory Committee for the Global Conference on the Sustainable Development of Small Island Developing States:

(a) Decides to approach its work taking into account the following guidelines:

(i) The outcome of the Conference should follow the framework developed in Agenda 21. It should seek not to duplicate Agenda 21 but rather to address the implementation of Agenda 21 in relation to small island developing States. The focus should be on the problems and needs specific to small island developing States;

(ii) Matters related to specific problems for small island developing States should be addressed at the micro level in relation to each priority area, as outlined in item 3 (b) of the provisional agenda for the Preparatory Committee, rather than at the macro level, as under item 3 (a);

(iii) Consideration of the responsibilities of small island developing States should address:

a. Actions and policies required for environment and development planning, including economic and environmental policy, resource management, legislative framework and endogenous institutions;

b. Elements for inclusion in medium- and long-term sustainable development plans and response strategies;

c. Measures for enhancing endogenous capacity-building;

(iv) Consideration of responsibilities of regional organizations should involve addressing:

a. Development of regional approaches to sustainable development/environmental problems;

b. Technical cooperation for endogenous capacity-building;

(v) Consideration of responsibilities of the international community should involve addressing:

a. Access to financial resources for sustainable development;

b. Access to environmentally sound and energy-efficient technology, including delivery mechanisms;

c. Access to resources for endogenous capacity-building;

(b) Requests the Secretary-General, in preparing the documentation for the substantive session of the Committee, to take into account the above guidelines, as well as, inter alia, the following information:

(i) National reports submitted during the preparatory process for the United Nations Conference on Environment and Development;

(ii) Any supplementary national reports that may be provided by Governments;

(iii) Relevant reports arising out of regional technical meetings (including input from regional economic, financial and environmental organizations, for example, the Economic and Social Commission for Asia and the Pacific, the Economic Commission for Latin America and the Caribbean, the African Development Bank and the South Pacific Regional Environment Programme;

(iv) Relevant information provided by organizations of the United Nations system, for example, the United Nations Environment Programme, the United Nations Conference on Trade and Development, the United Nations Educational, Scientific and Cultural Organization, the Food and Agriculture Organization of the United Nations and the World Meteorological Organization;

(v) Reports submitted by other intergovernmental organizations, for example, the Commonwealth secretariat and the South Pacific Regional Environment Programme;

(vi) Reports submitted by international financial institutions;

(vii) Relevant contributions from non-governmental organizations.